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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PRESS ON FOURTH AND FIFTH DAYS
OF BIJEDIC VISIT TO US

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1. PRESS COVERAGE OF BIJEDIC VISIT REDUCED OVER WEEKEND.
BORBA KEPT VISIT ON PAGE ONE, BUT POLITIKA FRONT-PAGED ONLY
BIJEDIC'S MARCH 23 RETURN TO BELGRADE (SEE REFTEL FOR
ARRIVAL STATEMENT). TV AND RADIO PRIME TIME EVENING NEWS
CARRIED VISIT AS SECOND ITEM (3-5 MINUTES).

2. EDITORIALS IN MARCH 23 POLITIKA AND MARCH 24 KOMUNIST
PRAISED VISIT AS CONFIRMATION OF 1971 WASHINGTON DECLARATION.
KOMUNIST PARROTED COMMUNIQUE, WHILE POLITIKA ADDED THAT
VISIT HAD BEGUN AND ENDED WITH SYMBOLIC ACTS: PRESIDENT FORD,
"IN THE FIRST-CLASS MANNER OF AMERICAN STYLE" HAD COMPARED
US-YUGOSLAV COOPERATION TO THE STRONG STONE BRIDGE AT
MOSTAR; AND NYC MAYOR BEAME HAD PRESENTED PREMIER BIJEDIC
WITH THE KEY TO THE CITY.

3. CHARGE TALKED WITH BIJEDIC PARTY ON RETURN TO BELGRADE.
ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION STRESSED USEFULNESS OF VISIT.
FEC MEMBER SMOLE WAS IMPRESSED BY HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT
NYC LUNCH, AND COMMENTED HE HAD BEEN
ABLE TO SEE EVERYONE HE WISHED, AND PREMIER BIJEDIC IN
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ABOUT VISIT RESULTS.

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